

**MINUTES OF THE
BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, & LABOR
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 210, Senate Building

February 19, 2013

Members Present: Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa, Senate Chairman
Rep. Jim Bird, House Chairman
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow, House Vice Chair
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Wayne A. Harper
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins
Sen. Stuart C. Reid
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. James A. Dunnigan
Rep. Jeremy A. Peterson
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Dixon M. Pitcher
Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. V. Lowry Snow
Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox
Rep. Brad R. Wilson

Members Absent: Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson

Staff Present: Dr. Andrea Wilko, Chief Economist
Mr. Zackery King, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Rosemary Young, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and copy of handouts will be filed with committee minutes.

Rep. Bird called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2013 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Harper, Rep. Dunnigan, Rep. Peterson, Rep. Pitcher, Rep. Wilcox, and Rep. Wilcox absent for the vote.

Dr. Wilko, Chief Economist, reviewed the Federal Funds and Fees Issue Briefs, reminding the committee that they have three options as to federal funds: adopt as proposed by the agency, reject as proposed, or modify the request. The analyst recommends adopting federal funds as

proposed by the agencies with the addition of the following change by GOED:

Fees for Administration	Old Fee	New Fee	Change	Revenue
Avenue H Technology Provider Renewal	0.00	8.00	8	\$0
	0.00	14.00	14	\$0
Health Exchange Call Center	2.50	2.50	0	<u>\$0</u>
Total				\$0

It was mentioned that if sequester goes through it would impact the federal funds of the agencies, and they have plans to deal with the possibility. All Issue Briefs may be found on line by going to the Legislature home page and this committee.

The Analyst discussed with the committee how final voting will be conducted at the last meeting including passing budgets, intent language, federal funds, and prioritizing requests.

Request for Appropriation

Jane Beckwith with Rick Okabe whose parents and grandparents were interred in a camp in California, representing the **Topaz Museum and Education Center** with a slide show presented a request for \$250,000 one time to help develop the project. The Topaz site has been declared a national historic landmark. Rep. Nelson expressed his support for the request.

Rep. Wilson with Cynthia Buckingham, Director of the **Utah Humanities Council**, presented a request for \$17,100 additional ongoing which would bring the ongoing total to \$65,000 a year and \$25,000 one time seed money which would be matched at least 10 to one to help bring a traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian to small or rural museums in the state.

Seth Jarvis, Director of **Clark Planetarium**, presented his request for \$2.1 million in order to modernize the 10-year-old free science exhibits at the planetarium. Kent Rominger, former astronaut and Vice President for Space Launch Systems at ATK Aerospace, and Rick Shankel, senior executive at Boeing Defense Systems, stressed the importance of informal scientific education to create an interest in young people who will become a skilled workforce locally to be employed by these and other companies.

Rep. Oda and Kevin Ireland distributed a handout and requested \$150,000 ongoing to support the **Hill Air Show**. The air force no longer contributes, so private donors and state funding now put it on. The event costs \$500,000 and is expected to bring in 500,000 visitors in 2014 with a positive economic impact of \$4.2 million.

Rep. Mel Brown and Orlene Ovard-Snyder with a handout and slide show requested \$15,000 to move the pioneer cabin and \$150,000 to add to donations to build a new museum, as the current

Museum in Henefer has no room, no cooling, and no restroom facilities. Henefer is unique in being located on three historic trails: Utah Pioneer Trail, Pony Express, and Donner-Reed.

Sen. Hinkins presented a request for \$25,000 for the **Moab Music Festival**, a world-class musical experience in a beautiful setting which also provides musical experiences for Grand County students. Sen. Davis recommended that this be an on-going appropriation.

Rep. Handy representing the **Utah Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum** distributed a handout and explained that the request for \$50,000 is for equipment, books and videos, and especially the ability to continue to acquire Western artifacts for permanent exhibits in the museum.

Greg Curtis and Brent Lange, Vice President and CAO, with a handout presented the request for \$2 million for expansion of facilities for **Hale Center Theatre** which is currently functioning at capacity. It was reported that HCT is the most attended community theatre in the country. The goal is to be in a new facility by January 2017.

Jennie Schultz and Rep. Perry distributed a handout requesting \$35,000 to renovate a former LDS seminary building to become the **Bear River Family Resource Center** which would house the Boys & Girls Club, Family Support Center, and New Hope Crisis Center in a low income rural area - Garland City in northern Box Elder County.

Rep. Dunnigan spoke in behalf of Taylorsville Dayzz and the Utah Symphony outreach program consisting of a free patriotic concert which attracts over 30,000 people at the end of June each year. The request for \$20,000 one time is to provide ancillary equipment and facilities such as lights and restrooms.

MOTION: Rep. Dunnigan moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble, Sen. Davis, and Sen. Jenkins absent for the vote.

Rep. Bird adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.